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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

Addendum

Recommendation of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation

The Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its forty-eighth session, recommended the following draft decision for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-fourth session:

Draft decision -/CP.24

Least developed countries work programme

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 5/CP.7, 29/CP.7, 4/CP.11, 8/CP.13, 6/CP.16, 5/CP.17, 12/CP.18, 3/CP.20, 4/CP.21 and 19/CP.21,

Recognizing the specific needs and special situations of the least developed countries referred to in Article 4, paragraph 9, of the Convention,

Having considered the report on the 33rd meeting of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group and the views of Parties on the least developed countries work programme,

Acknowledging that, because of their development status, climate change risks magnify the development challenges for the least developed country Parties,

Also acknowledging that the human, infrastructural and economic conditions of the least developed countries severely limit their capacities to participate effectively in the climate change process,

Noting the particular support needs of the least developed countries with respect to addressing climate change, and the importance of the least developed countries work programme in this regard,

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Also noting the relevance of climate change action to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the support provided[1] under and outside the Convention for the implementation of the elements of the work programme for the implementation of Article 4, paragraph 9, of the Convention (the least developed countries work programme) contained in decision 5/CP.7, paragraphs 11–17;

2. *Takes note* of the support provided to the least developed countries for the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans;[2]

3. *Decides* to update the elements of the least developed countries work programme as listed below in order to reflect the needs of the least developed countries, taking full account of the numerous groups and bodies that are involved in assisting countries with these activities, noting the importance of avoiding duplication of work, and taking into account available resources:

(a) Continue strengthening existing, and where needed establishing, national climate change secretariats and/or focal points to enable the effective implementation of the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement in the least developed country Parties;

(b) Continue providing training, as needed, in negotiating skills and language to develop the capacity of negotiators from the least developed countries to participate effectively in the climate change process;

(c) Supporting the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans and related relevant adaptation strategies, including national adaptation programmes of action;

(d) Supporting the preparation and implementation of successive nationally determined contributions;

(e) Continue promoting public awareness programmes to ensure the dissemination of information on climate change issues;

(f) Continue strengthening cooperative action on adaptation technology development and transfer;

(g) Continue strengthening the capacity of meteorological and hydrological services to collect, analyse, model, interpret and disseminate weather and climate information to support the implementation of adaptation actions;

(h) Continue supporting capacity-building initiatives to enable effective engagement in reporting and review activities under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, as needed;

4. *Notes* that support for the work programme should come from a variety of sources, including the Least Developed Countries Fund,[3] the Global Environment Facility, the Green Climate Fund, and other bilateral and multilateral sources within their respective mandates, and the private sector, as appropriate;

5. *Requests* the Least Developed Countries Expert Group to support, and *encourages* other relevant bodies and programmes under and outside the Convention and the Paris Agreement, including United Nations entities, to assist with, in accordance with their respective mandates, as appropriate, the implementation of the least developed countries work programme and to include information on this in their reports, as appropriate;

6. *Also requests* the Least Developed Countries Expert Group to continue considering ways to promote South–South cooperation in the implementation of the least developed countries work programme.

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[1] See decisions 5/CP.7, paragraphs 13 and 14, 3/CP.11, paragraph 1(b), and 5/CP.14, paragraph 2.

[2] See decisions 3/CP.17, annex, 5/CP.17, paragraphs 12–31, 12/CP.18, paragraphs 1–4, and 1/CP.21, paragraph 46.

[3] See decision 5/CP.7, paragraph 12.